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DELAYED TELECOM PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telecommunication projects in the country which are running behind schedule;

(b) the extent of work done on these projects so far, project-wise;

(c) whether these projects have incurred heavy cost overrun;

(d) if so, the project-wise details thereof ; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) & (b) The following 8 ongoing Telecommunication Projects/Schemes in the country are being funded by the Government:-

(i) National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN);

(ii) Network for Spectrum (NFS);

(iii) Centralized Monitoring System (CMS);

(iv) USOF supported Scheme to provide Mobile Services in areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE);

(v) Optical Fibre Network Augmentation, Creation and Management of Intra-District SDHQ-DHQ OFC Network in North Eastern Region − Scheme for North East −I Circle..

(vi) Optical Fibre Network Augmentation, Creation and Management of Intra-District SDHQ-DHQ OFC Network in North Eastern Region − Scheme for North East −II Circle.

(vii) Optical Fibre Network Augmentation, Creation and Management of Intra-District SDHQ-DHQ OFC Network in North Eastern Region − Scheme for Assam.

(viii) Shared Mobile Infrastructure Scheme.

Of these 8 Projects/Schemes, the last two schemes i.e. "Optical Fibre Network Augmentation, Creation and Management of Intra-District SDHQ-DHQ OFC Network in North Eastern Region- Scheme for Assam" & "Shared Mobile Infrastructure Scheme" are delayed. The extent of work done on these schemes so far is provided at Annexure.

(c) & (d) These projects have not incurred cost overrun.

(e) The delay in achieving the targets under these schemes is mainly attributed to reasons such as villages being located in extreme remote areas, tough terrain, natural hindrances. The progress under these schemes is monitored and reviewed by USOF at regular intervals to facilitate expeditious & timely achievement of targets.